

By DAVID HOROVITZ
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LONDON. - The Britain/Israel Public Affairs Committee (Bipac) has been accused of "not properly accounting for the use of its monies" in a report which *The Jerusalem Post* today is making public for the first time.

But Bipac's director Jane Moonman has categorically rejected the report's conclusions, and she told *The Post* last night that she had been advised by legal counsel that the report was "defamatory, not particularly professional and far from independent."

The report details how Moonman's husband and former Bipac chairman, Eric Moonman, an ex-MP who is now a Bipac board member and a senior vice president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, transferred Bipac cheques made payable to one "Alexander Keddie" into his own personal bank account over a four-year period, but failed to provide details of how this money

was eventually distributed. "A system was devised to conceal the true destination of these monies," the report found.

Eric Moonman told *The Post* last night that he knew "nothing" of the report or its contents.

The report was completed in June by London chartered accountants Maurice Goleend & Co., and investigated payments made by Bipac from 1980-1984 to "Keddie," the "editor" of the Bipac-published *EEC Monitor*, a digest of European and EEC affairs relevant to the Jewish community.

The report found that "a total of £7,420 was paid to 'Keddie' over the period," but that "no one has been able to provide us with a list of names and addresses of those people who received the money."

Bipac board member Martin Savitt told *The Post* yesterday that

the investigation into the "Keddie payments" was commissioned "at the insistence of Monty Sumray," a former director of the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce who is among Bipac's contributors. Under pressure from Sumray, "Bipac agreed to the report's being compiled," said Savitt. Bipac board member Michael Phillips together with Sumray compiled the terms of reference for the investigation. *The Post* has been told that the report was financed by Sumray, whose daughter Gay Keogh worked voluntarily for Bipac until her services were dispensed with.

Sources close to the Bipac board told *The Post* that a preliminary discussion into the findings of the report has already been held, but that "no decision was made on what action to take because Eric Moonman had still not provided the board

with further information regarding the 'Keddie' payments."

It is understood that another Bipac board meeting will be held early next month to discuss the "Keddie" affair.

The report was passed to Bipac Chairman Trevor Chinn and other board members several weeks ago, but its findings have not been made public.

Bipac is funded by public monies. Jane Moonman said yesterday that she had "written a full and detailed response to the report," and had given it to members of the Bipac board.

She said she was "distressed and outraged by the line taken in the report," adding that, "by inference and gossip, I have been accused of all manner of things of which I am totally innocent."

She noted that her legal counsel,

Susan Prevezer, had advised her that "the conclusions reached by Goleend are not substantiated by the evidence... They fail... to analyze or even include the evidence in rebuttal" provided by Jane Moonman.

Copies of the report have been sent to several London-based journalists, and at least one national daily paper has been investigating the report and the entire "Keddie affair."

According to the report, "It is accepted by Bipac that there was no such person as Alexander Keddie. We are advised by Jane Moonman that this was a pen name and that the payments were made to whoever was doing the job of editor (of the *EEC Monitor*) that month."

"Bipac," the report continues, "drew a cheque each month made payable to 'Alexander Keddie.' This was sent to Barclays Bank, Cannon

Street, with the request that it be credited to the account of Alexander Keddie."

But, adds the report, "We are advised by Jane Moonman that the monies were then transferred from the account in the name of Alexander Keddie to the personal bank account of her husband Eric Moonman."

"Jane Moonman advises us that Eric Moonman then drew a cheque on his personal bank account in favour of whoever was doing the work that month. If he had done the work that month (i.e., edited the *Monitor* himself), he kept the money."

The report quotes Savitt as saying that neither the board nor the executive was "aware of the financial arrangements concerning 'Keddie'." Savitt, states the report, "believes that these arrangements should have

been brought to the attention of the board."

Barry Shenker, former deputy director of Bipac, confirmed to *The Post* last night that the report, as quoted above, was indeed submitted to Bipac board members several weeks ago.

He said that he was probably the first person to inquire about Keddie's identity, soon after he joined Bipac in July 1983.

Initially, Shenker told *The Post*, Jane Moonman "informed me that he was a retired journalist who lived in the country, in Suffolk, 'as a hermit,' and was not even on the telephone."

Shenker persisted in his inquiries and kept a detailed diary of his efforts to learn Keddie's true identity, which was submitted to Goleend & Co. for use in compiling the report.

Shenker stressed to *The Post* that, in stirring up the Keddie hornet's nest, he had been motivated by concern for Bipac, and not by any wish (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Report names ex-MP in Israel lobby scandal



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir wipes away a tear in Bucharest's main synagogue yesterday as a choir sings songs of Jerusalem. At left is Romanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen. (Reuters telephoto)

Shamir moved to tears in speaking to Jewish community in Bucharest

BUCHAREST. - With tears in his eyes, his chin trembling, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday extended greetings from "the people and Knesset of Israel" to the remaining Jews of Romania, and appealed for their ally.

In an impassioned speech in Yiddish and French to a packed audience of Jewish community leaders in the Great Synagogue here, Shamir told his "brothers and sisters" that the welfare of the Jewish people everywhere was Israel's "greatest duty and concern."

Throughout, Shamir seemed overcome by emotion, perhaps the event recalled to him his own Eastern European origins and family history. Perhaps it touched the well-springs of his being and philosophy as a Jew. Perhaps it was the meeting with the remnant of a once great community, first decimated in the Holocaust and now almost thoroughly erased, following the emigration of most for Israel. Perhaps, it was the contact with what he saw as living proof of Judaism's philosophy and will to live, as evinced by a small and still vibrant community, conscious of its unique identity in a sea of Romanian nationalism and Communist internationalism. Or perhaps it was a combination of all of these.

Shamir told the community that in his talks on Tuesday with Romanian president Nicolae Ceausescu - at mention of whose name his listeners each time clapped loudly and persis-

Benny Morris from Romania

tently - the Romanian leader had said that he had always struggled and would always struggle against anti-Semitism. Moreover, added Shamir, Ceausescu had averred that "from humanitarian motives" he understood the wish of Jews to leave for Israel.

Escorted by Romanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen, who wore a black robe with a purple sash and skull cap, with a large Star of David dangling from his neck, Shamir and his party were greeted by a local Jewish community choir singing *Hevenu Shalom Aleichem* and *Baruch Haba Beshem Adonai*.

Shamir, looking pale and moved, moved slowly down the aisle carrying a large Tora scroll in a silver mantle. Shulamit Shamir, his wife, flanked by two heavy Romanian women bodyguards with kerchiefs on their heads, then took her place.

Rosen approached the *aron hakodesh* and recited a lengthy prayer in Hebrew and Romanian, for his guests, the State of Israel, the Socialist Republic of Romania and its leaders, and for peace.

The Jewish problem in Romania had been solved by the Romanian government, the rabbi declared. Jews could live as Jews in Romania and were free to emigrate for Israel, he said. "Can Jews live in a socialist

country? The Romanian government's resounding answer to this is 'yes,'" said Rosen.

Rosen spoke with pride and sorrow of the diminution of the Jewish community during the past 40 years - from 400,000 to a mere 23,000, mostly through aliyah.

"As Yehuda Halevi said, 'we are here but our hearts are in the east,'" said Rosen.

"We send greetings to the 97 per cent of the Romanian Jewish community who now live in Israel."

Following Rosen, Shamir spoke of the need and aptness of "Am Yisrael in Eretz Yisrael" and declared, his voice trembling, "Am Yisrael Hai." The audience was visibly moved.

Shamir concluded by wishing the Romanian Jewish community a good Rosh Hashana, "a year of prosperity, a year of joy, a year of peace." And he added: "Leshana Haba'a B'yerushalayim."

From the synagogue, which was tightly guarded throughout the ceremony, with some of Bucharest's main streets completely sealed to traffic, Shamir and his entourage proceeded north to the resort town of Sinaia in the Carpathian Mountains. There he visited a truck factory and rested.

Today he will hold a last round of talks with Ceausescu, before flying back to Israel. It is unclear, given the two leaders' basic difference of opinion over an international peace conference, whether the visit will end in a joint communiqué.

'Syria said involved in Glass release'

WASHINGTON (AP). - U.S. intelligence has concluded Iran ordered the kidnapping of journalist Charles Glass and is in control of the eight other American hostages in Lebanon, an administration official here said.

So far, there is no solid proof of how Glass gained his freedom after 62 days of captivity, but U.S. experts hope to know more after interviewing him in London.

The journalist said he escaped on Tuesday after locking up his sleeping captors in a seventh floor Beirut apartment.

But the U.S. official offered a theory that Iran, under pressure from Syria for six to eight weeks, finally decided to release Glass to improve its standing in the Arab world.

"Iran ordered his kidnapping, so it is safe to assume Iran was responsible for his release," the official said. Arranging an "escape" would be a way to give the abductors "plausible deniability" if his release were questioned by rivals.

In Paris, meanwhile, a Syrian businessman involved in talks to free hostages in Lebanon said yesterday Damascus had engineered the release, and that other hostages would be freed soon.

Omar Adham, a personal friend of President Hafez al-Assad, was an intermediary last year in hostage negotiations between Damascus and Paris.

He told the daily *Le Matin* that Glass's kidnappers had heeded Syrian "advice," and his release was arranged following an agreement last week in Beirut between Lebanese groups including the Iranian-backed Hizbullah (Party of God) and Syrian military officials.

In London, where he arrived (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Natural gas field found in Jordan

Post Middle East Staff
Jordan has discovered a natural gas field of commercial size, according to Energy Minister Hashem Khatib.

The director of the authority administering Jordan's natural resources, Kamal Harisani, said that two natural gas wells dug in north-eastern Jordan suggest the presence of oil. Harisani predicted that the gas would be used to supply Jordanian power stations once the exact size of the wells was determined.

Washington tells Thatcher: Resuming ties with Syria

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - At a White House meeting last month, President Ronald Reagan told British Premier Margaret Thatcher that the U.S. will be returning its ambassador to Syria soon, but "not before September," *The Jerusalem Post* has learned from reliable sources.

Another informed source indicated to *The Post* that the U.S. will be returning its ambassador, William Eagleton, within the next month. A State Department spokes-

woman would not confirm the reports.

The U.S. has said it is "grateful" to Syria for efforts in securing the release of American journalist Charles Glass, although it did not indicate the nature of Syrian assistance.

Britain severed relations with Syria last October, when a British court said that there was Syrian complicity in an aborted terrorist attack on an El Al jetliner at London's Heathrow Airport. In protest against Syria, the U.S. recalled its ambassador from Damascus.

Strong bid to convince opponents

Peres, Moda'i seek ways to save Lavi

By AVI TEMKIN
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Minister-without-Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i were engaged last night in separate efforts to keep the Lavi alive by finding a formula to enable the cabinet to go ahead with the project. During the last 48 hours, each of the two has had separate meetings with the heads of the army and Israel Aircraft Industries in search of such a formula.

Peres spent hours conferring twice with defence minister Yitzhak Rabin and meeting Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Dan Shomron, who oppose the project. No headway was made in the talks, a well-placed source said. "The parties stuck to their guns." (See Treasury position, Page 2.)

Peres also conferred with Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, a strong supporter of the Lavi, and last night held a lengthy meeting with Defence Ministry Director-General David Ivri, the head of the Lavi programme in the Defence Ministry. Menahem Eini, the chairman of the Israel Aircraft Industries board of directors, Mordechai Hod, and IAI deputy chairman Meir Dvir.

The four are in favour of the Lavi. But an aide to Peres told *The Jerusalem Post* after the meeting, "no solution has been found yet."

The main problem is that building the Lavi and providing other weapons the IDF considers essential to winning a future war would cost some \$2b. more than buying an equal number of F-16s and obtaining other new weapons.

Moda'i, who was asked by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to look into cost calculations for the Lavi and into the army requirements, is expected to report back to the premier on Friday. His appointment by Shamir to assess the figures was seen as an effort by the premier to bypass Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno, both staunch opponents of the Lavi. Moda'i is apparently expected to provide Shamir with some kind of economic legitimization for going ahead with the development of the jetfighter.

Moda'i said yesterday that he was convinced the weapons systems which the army wants to develop are absolutely essential. But, he said, nothing would happen if the budget were enlarged, and the possibility exists of collecting more taxes than originally planned. He hinted that such funds could help finance the Lavi. Moda'i added that the Treasury and Bank of Israel officials draw too bleak a picture of what would happen if the cabinet should go ahead with the project.

"The Treasury is putting too much emphasis on reducing inflation instead of thinking how to encourage economic growth," he said.

While Peres and Moda'i were looking into ways to save the Lavi, the Bank of Israel yesterday issued a strong warning that keeping the project alive would damage the economy. In the "Report on the Increase in the Means of Payment," Bruno called on the government to halt the project.

The report, a periodical publication containing recommendations on economic policy, states that if the project continues, it will cause an increase in government spending of hundreds of millions of dollars over and above budgetary limits.

Asher Wallfish adds:
The caucus of Alignment ministers, *Sarenu*, discussed the Lavi controversy yesterday and several ministers complained that with Peres and Rabin at loggerheads over the project, the Alignment came out in a poor light.

These ministers stressed that it would be better for the defence establishment and better for the Alignment if Peres and Rabin could get their act together and speak with one voice.

Meanwhile, one well-informed Likud minister actively advocating the continuation of the project and lobbying to that end assured *The Post* that Shamir had not given Peres an absolute commitment to put the vote on Sunday when the cabinet holds its next meeting. The holding of the vote would depend on whether hard-and-fast funding proposals had already been prepared.

'USAF favours buying new Israel missile'

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

WASHINGTON. - The U.S. Air Force favours purchasing a new Israeli air-to-surface anti-ship missile called the Popeye, a trade publication, *Inside the Pentagon* reports in its most recent edition. The account says the Popeye is being considered under a classified U.S. Air Force programme to re-arm the B-52 bomber.

Air force officials favour the Popeye over the other air-to-surface missile options under consideration due to its greater range and because the missile has done well in U.S. tests and is already operational in Israel, reporter Jane Callen writes.

Yet, a final U.S. decision to purchase the Popeye seems to rest on the U.S. Navy's willingness to use the missile as well, since Congress is pressuring the respective services to purchase a unified anti-ship missile.

Soccer stadium awaits Shamir signature - again

By ANDY COURT

For *The Jerusalem Post*
The plan for a new soccer stadium in Jerusalem cleared yet another bureaucratic hurdle yesterday, leaving the signature of acting Interior Minister Yitzhak Shamir as the last step before approval.

A national planning subcommittee yesterday considered some last-minute technical problems that Interior Ministry officials had raised, including the possibility that the stadium's floodlights might disturb drivers passing nearby, Interior Ministry spokeswoman Tova Elinson said.

The subcommittee then unanimously recommended that Shamir approve the plan.

The plan will now be forwarded to Interior Ministry Director-General Arye Deri who could theoretically approve the plan himself, but is

more likely to pass it on to Shamir.

The High Court, meanwhile, has yet to decide on MK Dedi Zucker's appeal for a temporary injunction forbidding Shamir from slapping a "no-Shabbat-soccer-games" condition on the stadium plan. Zucker also wants the court to rule that Shamir has forfeited the right to veto the stadium plan by withholding his decision for too long.

The Attorney-General's Office is preparing a response to Zucker's appeal.

Zucker charged yesterday that the last-minute "problems" raised by Interior Ministry officials were part of a tactical move to delay the stadium plan.

Shamir has had "all the relevant material" for several weeks, Zucker says, but has put off making a decision because of political considerations.

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Haifa Port	60	22-31	31
Tiberias	55	21-36	36
Nazareth	51	20-31	31
Afula	63	19-33	34
Shomron	46	17-31	31
Tel Aviv	55	22-30	30
B-G Airport	54	21-30	31
Jericho	29	22-37	37
Gaza	61	22-30	30
Beersheba	37	20-34	34
Eilat	34	27-40	40

Cancer girl's leg saved

Jerusalem Post Reporter BEERSHEBA. — "There is no need to fly children suffering from bone cancer abroad for operations," Prof. Shmuel Dekel, head of orthopedics at Soroka Hospital, said here yesterday.

Dekel said that the cost of sending one child abroad for treatment, which he put at \$60,000, would cover 10 such operations in Israel.

Dekel's statement followed a successful operation, employing techniques used for the first time in Israel, in which a 12-year-old girl's leg was saved from amputation. The operation, which involved implanting a donated bone segment, was carried out at Soroka on Tuesday.

The girl, Oshrit Azran of Beersheba, suffered from a rare cancerous growth on her left femur (thigh bone). Only 10 such cases are diagnosed each year in Israel.

Israeli hospitals have until now either amputated, or sent the patient for treatment to medical centers abroad.

Dekel was able to perform the operation after Dr. Henry Mencken of Boston, one of the world's leading experts in this type of operation, responded to his plea for a bone donation and sent him a segment taken from an accident victim.

There is currently a country-wide campaign to raise \$500,000 to send eight children and three adults abroad for treatment of bone cancer.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Court starts early recess

Prosecution gets defence expert to retract opinion

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The retraction of a previously stated expert opinion, an apology to an earlier witness and the cancellation of the next three sessions highlighted the drama at the Demjanjuk war crimes trial yesterday.

Much as the judges have been loath to cancel sessions, it seems that circumstances yesterday forced their hand. The cross-examination and brief re-direct questioning of defence witness Anita Pritchard ended at 6 p.m. — and the defence had no other witness ready. Thus the recess scheduled to start on August 25 will instead start today.

The next witness to be called with the reconvening of the court on September 7, will be Abraham Shifrin, the expert on the KGB.

The retraction was made by Pritchard at the very outset of the session. She said that she wanted to withdraw the qualified opinion she had given the day before regarding the work of a German photo identification expert, policeman Reinhard Altmann, who had testified for the prosecution in May. "Altmann made no alterations in the photos he worked with," she said.

The apology came later in the session, but it also concerned Altmann.

The cross-examination by prosecutor Michael Shaked had come round to the "generation" of photocopies, that is, whether a photocopy was the original one to be taken of the photograph in question or whether it was in turn a photocopy of a photocopy.

Shaked told Pritchard: "You don't know to which generation the photocopy of the original photo of Demjanjuk that Altmann was working with belonged. Yet you attacked him sharply for using copies."

Pritchard: "I retracted my statement first thing this morning."

Shaked: "Do you apologize to Altmann?"

Pritchard: "I intended no offence. I apologize, if he is hurt."

It had been a difficult day for Pritchard. Shaked dealt a blow to her testimony and apparently damaged her claim to expert standing — much as he had done with the previous witness, documents expert Edna Robertson.

"What do you know about the development of the human jawbone in man?" was Shaked's first question as he opened his cross-examination. Pritchard admitted that she had only general knowledge.

Shaked: "Do you have any special knowledge of the morphology



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(form) of the face?" Pritchard: "No."

"Are you an anthropologist?" "No."

With questions like these Shaked kept Pritchard on the defensive much of the time as he attacked the scientific base of her testimony.

An important part of that testimony had been the photo-spread made up of 12 faces of male models she had clipped from magazines. By splitting the faces down the middle and putting the halves together randomly, she had said that the various halves could be made to match. This negated the split-photo approach used by Altmann, she had said.

Shaked: "You said you selected the magazine photos randomly; can you define random selection?"

Pritchard: "My selection was without specific criteria. This was in no way a controlled study; it was

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Showing the men how to do it

These three young women are serving in the IDF as instructors in the use of bridging equipment and methods for crossing water obstacles. During Combat Engineers week, ending today, the corps revealed that it is female instructors who teach the men the various means for bridging and crossing obstacles. The three, corporals, all 19 years old, completed a rigorous training programme in demolitions, the use of powered rubber dinghies, and crossing obstacles. The three selected from a large group of women who completed basic training in the Combat Engineers, train combat soldiers from several IDF branches, including the paratroopers, and Golani and Givati brigades. They spend long hours in the water teaching subjects which until now have been considered "for men only."



'\$3,000-\$5,000 a year for each Israeli family for next 10 years'

Treasury spells out tax load of producing the Lavi

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The battle over the Lavi reached new heights yesterday with the Treasury openly accusing Israel Aircraft Industries of providing ministers with misleading figures. Treasury officials said their calculations showed that going ahead with the Lavi would mean placing a burden of \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year on each Israeli family over the next 10 years.

Days ago the same Treasury officials had put the burden on average at \$2,000 a year. But that calculation did not include the funds needed to develop projects the army says will be essential in the future. The army wants \$300 million a year for such projects. The Treasury men say no cabinet will be able to tell the army it must do without essential projects or much-

needed new weapons. The only place the money can come from, aside from taxes, is from scrapping the Lavi, and that is what the Treasury wants. By terminating the project there will be money to buy American-made F-16s and also to fund the projects the army wants to develop.

"Ministers who vote for the Lavi will be voting for less education, less health, less settlements and less aid to the Negev," says the Treasury officials.

If the cabinet decides to approve the development and production of 75 jetfighters, they say, there will be an expected deficit of \$165 million a year in the production of the Lavi. To that figure the Treasury adds \$150m. which Vice Premier Peres wants to add to the defence budget to pay for army projects. Thus, the annual deficit will total \$315m. even

in the best of cases. But the Treasury believes the final picture may be worse. The army wants \$300m., not \$150m. as proposed by Peres. There will be no way to close the gap other than by raising taxes or increasing government borrowing, says the Treasury.

The Treasury men maintain that what IAI calls cost-reducing efforts are nothing more than cutting the number of planes.

Furthermore, they say, the IAI stand that it will fire 1,450 workers to save money on the Lavi, is misleading as the company knows such dismissals are already necessary because of losses incurred without connection to the Lavi. "The company heads are trying to sell the same merchandise twice," the Treasury officials quip.

4 SLA men hurt

Four members of the South Lebanese Army (SLA) militia were injured yesterday when their armoured personnel carrier ran over a mine near the southern Lebanon town of Marjayoun.

The injured men were taken to the hospital in the town. There was no immediate report on their condition.

Six held in W. Bank shooting

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Six aides of Jamil al-Amleh, head of the Hebron area Village Leagues, have been questioned by police in connection with the shooting this week of two men in al-Amleh's home village of Beit Ullah.

The suspected assailants allegedly used weapons held with the permission of the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration. One of the weapons has been confiscated by the police for its investigation of the incident. The two men shot were lightly wounded, and are in Alia Hospital in Hebron.

The incident, which occurred Tuesday, appears to have been sparked by a dispute between al-Amleh's supporters and a large group of villagers. The villagers say al-Amleh's men appropriated tracts of their land and sold them against their will. They charge that al-Amleh's supporters have tried to terrorize them into dropping a lawsuit they brought in connection with the land dispute.

According to one of the wounded,

al-Amleh's men threw stones and fired shots at a house in the village, and later shot the men who ran out of the house. One villager said he was struck in the face with the butt of an Uzi submachine-gun.

El-Amleh has denied that there is any land dispute, and says his bodyguards gave chase after a masked assailant fired at his house.

Meanwhile, four more Palestinians were charged Tuesday with membership in the terrorist cell responsible for the murder of Nabias mayor Zafar al-Masri, it was learned yesterday. Two women from Nabias and two An-Najah University students from Gaza were charged with arms possession and membership in the cell, run by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The group is also held responsible for two other killings in Nabias: the January 1986 slaying of Border Policeman Jamil Faris, and the murder of Israeli civilian Albert Buchris in June 1985. Two Palestinians were earlier charged with carrying out al-Masri's assassination.

Joblessness edges down

Post Economic Reporter

Unemployment edged down further in the April-June period, the fourth consecutive quarter of declining joblessness.

The rate of joblessness stood at 5.6 per cent in the second quarter of the year, compared with 5.7 in the previous three months, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. Unemployment in the same quarter last year had peaked at 7.6 per cent and has been going down since.

The figures showed that the drop

in the rate of unemployment was caused in the last quarter by a relatively large drop in the number of women out of a job. The rate of unemployment among women dropped from 7.1 per cent in January-March to 6.5 per cent in the second quarter.

But the figures also showed that in the second quarter there was an increase in the male rate of unemployment. Some 5.1 per cent of males in the civilian work-force were out of a job in April-June, compared with 4.7 per cent in the previous quarter.

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to accuse. "I was very worried about what was going on at Bipac, yet my efforts to get to the bottom of the affair were met with hostility."

Shenker said that when he went to tell Chinn of his concern over the "secrecy" surrounding Keddie, "he refused to listen."

The report concludes that, "Although it is accepted by Bipac that the 'Keddie' episode did occur... it would seem that even at this stage the whole incident is being made light of in an attempt to brush it under the carpet."

Speaking to *The Post* last night, Jane Moonman pointed out that the report "referred to one accounting arrangement, and not to the management of Bipac as a whole." She stressed that the "Keddie" payments were initiated before she became director of Bipac, and that the system of payment "was operated under two successive chairmen, and was brought to an end three years ago when the present chairman and I focused on it for the first time."

She added that it was "misleading" for the report to state that Bipac's accounting, concerning payments to "Keddie," had been improper, because *EEC Monitor* appeared every month, written and edited by the person who was paid for it.

She said that the only fault for which she bore responsibility was the "failure to recognize who did not know about the 'Keddie' arrangement."

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yesterday, Glass conceded that his "escape" from his captors could have been contrived.

He said he had no real idea who his kidnappers were and had seen none of the other Westerners kidnapped in Lebanon. In particular, he said he had no news of Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy who vanished in Beirut last January 21.

Glass, 37, a former correspondent for the U.S. ABC television company, was speaking at a press conference after his arrival at London's Gatwick Airport on board a plane chartered by his employers.

Pray-in at the Wall to protest Shabbat film shows

By ANDY COURT
For The Jerusalem Post

Having tried to convince the municipality to stop Friday night film screenings in Jerusalem, the ultra-Orthodox community has decided to appeal to a higher authority.

City councillor Meir Porush (Agudat Yisrael) said that the Aguda is to call a special assembly at the Western Wall to pray for an end to the latest form of Sabbath desecration. The prayers are to be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, the first day of the month of Elul which is traditionally a month of penitence and prayer leading up to Rosh Hashana on the first of the following month.

"We are expecting 50,000 people to attend," Porush said yesterday, adding that he believed Shas and the National Religious Party would participate. It is not yet clear whether the *eda haredit* (ultra-Orthodox community) will also sponsor the event.

Monday's prayer assembly does not preclude the possibility of demonstrations against screenings this weekend. But both secular and ultra-Orthodox leaders claim that they have no fixed plans yet.

Four films will be shown in the capital tomorrow night, Mapam's Jerusalem branch coordinator, Nahum Solan, said last night, speaking for groups that support Friday night entertainment. They include the Citizens Rights Movement, Shinnui, Hashomer Hatzair, Mahanot Olim, Hanoar Ha'Oved Vekholmed and the Reform Movement.

Solan said films would be shown at Beit Agnon, the Cinematheque, Tsavta and at Mapam's Moadon Yitzhaki in the German Colony. He said there would also be a vigil at the city's exit to Tel Aviv in sympathy with "the thousands" of youth who leave the capital in search of entertainment.

Key wages meeting

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post

The fate of the public sector wage negotiations hinges on today's meeting in Tel Aviv between Histadrut trade union department head Haim Haberfeld and the Treasury's chief wage negotiator, Hillel Duda'i. Histadrut officials said yesterday.

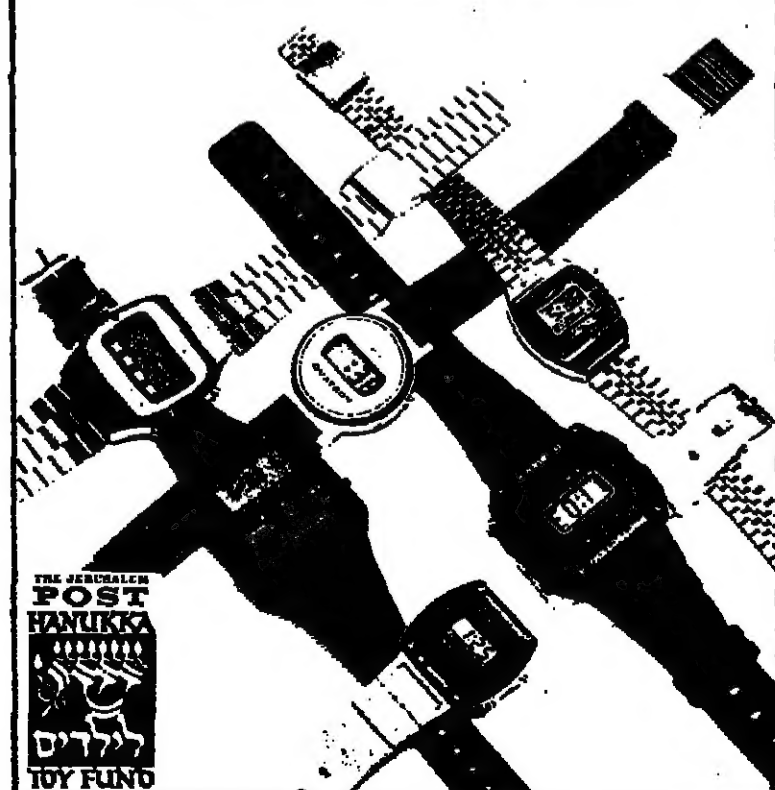
The two are scheduled to determine whether there is sufficient common ground to allow for intensive negotiations next week aimed at reaching a collective public sector wage agreement by the end of August.

If the Treasury refuses to drop its opposition to a five-day work week, there will be no chance of a collective agreement, say Histadrut officials. The labour federation is also demanding a reduction in weekly work hours and an across-the-board pay rise.

If today's meeting fails to bridge the gap between the two sides, the unions' strike committee is to meet next week to discuss future action.

Haberfeld has already declared that if there is no agreement by the end of August, individual unions will begin negotiating directly with employers, which, he has warned, will plunge the economy into chaos.

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Court tells psychologist to keep mum

The High Court yesterday issued an interim injunction restraining the Petah Tikva Rabbinical Court from compelling a psychologist to disclose details of conversations she had with a patient.

The psychologist, Rahel Daouel, applied to the High Court through the Association for Civil Rights in Israel claiming that the rabbinical court, in a hearing divorce case, had ordered her to relate conversations with the wife in order to ascertain whether she had been unfaithful.

Daouel claimed that conversations between a psychologist a patient and during therapy were confidential and she should not be forced to testify.

Justice Shlomo Levin ordered the rabbinical court to show cause within 45 days why the psychologist should testify to it.

Fewer Jews

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The world's Jewish population has declined since 1970 by one million, demographer Roberto Bacchi told a press conference here yesterday. He estimated that there are now 12,881,000 Jews around the globe.

Bacchi noted that in the same 15 year period from 1970, Israel's Jewish population had increased from 2,582,000 to 3,521,000.

Reb GERSHON ADLER

The coffin will arrive from New York at Ben-Gurion Airport today, Thursday, August 20, 1987 (25 Av 5747) on the 13:30 TWA flight. The funeral will leave from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem, at 4 p.m. for Har Hamenuhot.

The bereaved: His sons — Ya'acov, David, Avraham, Yehoshua and Baruch and their families

The shiva will take place at the home of his son Avraham Adler, 9 Diskin St., Kiryat Wolfson, Jerusalem.

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FAITH GERON

will take place at Herzliya Cemetery on Friday, August 21, 1987, at 9:00 a.m.

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6 held for grenade attack in parliament

Sri Lanka cabinet votes to implement Tamil pact

COLOMBO (AP). — A defiant cabinet voted yesterday to implement at any cost a peace accord in the Tamil insurgency as police interrogated six people about Tuesday's attempt to kill the president and members of his government in an apparent protest against the government.

It also ordered an investigation into the security breakdown that let the grenade attack on President Junius Jayewardene happen, officials said.

Jayewardene, 81, blamed the attack on Sinhalese terrorists opposed to the Indian-brokered accord aimed at ending four years of ethnic conflict.

A previously unheard of group calling itself the Patriotic People's Movement later claimed responsibility for the assault.

An anonymous caller told the BBC office here there would be more attacks because the government "betrayed the people by entering into an agreement with India."

Police yesterday interrogated five security men and the keeper of parliament building keys. All six are Sinhalese.

Assaults threw at least two grenades into a parliament room on Tuesday, killing Kirith Abeywick-

reme, District Minister for the southern Matara Region.

The attack wounded at least 15 others in the crowded room, where the president and about 120 members of his United National party were meeting an hour before parliament was to convene. The attackers escaped in the confusion.

National Security Minister Lalith Athalathmudal, whose spleen was removed, was in a critical but stable condition late yesterday.

Detectives took into custody five security men, three of them senior officials, a government source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said there are plainclothes police to protect Jayewardene and Prime Minister Ramasingha Premadasa, who was cut on his left leg.

A police source, also speaking anonymously, said officials were still questioning a low-ranking official

detained shortly after the attack. The suspect was in charge of keys at the building and would have had access to the anteroom where the assailants stashed their weapons and hid before the attack.

Finance Minister Ronnie de Mel told the reporters that the attack was meant to kill Jayewardene and abort the peace accord, but the cabinet voted unanimously to implement it fully. It also had ordered police Inspector-General Cyril Herath to investigate the security failure.

"There has been a complete breakdown of security island-wide," de Mel said. "If assassins can enter parliament, they can enter anywhere."

The peace agreement thought to have prompted the attack would give limited autonomy to the island-nation's provinces, including those in the north and the east where Tamils predominate.

Militants among Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority complain that the accord gives too much to the minority Tamils. About 6,000 people have died in the 4-year-old Tamil separatist war.

India has sent 6,000 troops and three warships to oversee the accord, which calls for the Tamil rebels to surrender their weapons.



French President Francois Mitterrand walks past the engine of a KC135 during his visit to the Istres military airbase yesterday. The KC135 is a mid-air refuel aircraft for the Mirage fighter units. Mitterrand said that France would not act as 'gendarme' in the latest fighting in Chad. (Reuters telephone)

Berserk gunman kills fourteen in English town

HUNGERFORD (Reuters). — A man armed with an automatic rifle went on a rampage in this market town yesterday, killing fourteen people and wounding 14 as he fired indiscriminately at shoppers, police said.

He later shot himself to death when surrounded.

The man, who was not immediately identified, was found dead after being besieged in a school. Police said he was sitting in a chair with a gun in his hand.

"The gunman was just strolling along the road, shooting at anything that moved," said Barbara Morley, a resident of Hungerford, in Berkshire County, 100 km. west of London.

Police helicopters circled the town and people were warned over loudspeakers to stay off the streets.

The incident was believed to be the first of its kind in Britain, where most policemen do not carry guns and gunfights with criminals are rare.

The killing, apparently began when the gunman, reported by some witnesses to be wearing "Rambo-style" combat fatigues, fired at a cashier in a glass booth at a petrol station in the neighbouring county of

Wiltshire. She was showered in glass but not badly injured.

He then leapt into his car and sped towards Hungerford, where he started firing at other people. On reaching Hungerford, the gunman entered a house and shot dead its occupant. As police closed in, he set fire to the house and escaped through the back door.

Witnesses said the gunman then went down the main shopping street, firing indiscriminately into lunchtime crowds before vanishing.

Ambulances ferried the dead and injured to hospitals. Police said one police officer was killed and two of the injured were in a serious condition. "The situation is utter chaos," said a spokesman for the ambulance services.

During the shooting, the man fired at ambulances trying to retrieve the dead and injured lying in the streets.

Police said a woman found dead with gunshot wounds in a forest 16 km. west of Hungerford appeared to be a victim of the gunman but they would not confirm it. Two children found next to her were alive and well.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Pope to meet Jewish leaders in U.S.

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — Pope John Paul will meet President Reagan and U.S. Jewish leaders in Miami when he begins an 11-day pastoral visit to the U.S. and Canada on September 10, the Vatican said yesterday.

Relations between the Vatican and U.S. Jewish groups have been strained by the Pope's controversial decision to grant an audience to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim at the Vatican last June and some Jewish leaders have threatened to boycott the meeting in Miami. Waldheim has been accused of complicity in Nazi war crimes — an allegation he denies.

Orthodox Church's patriarch visits USSR

MOSCOW (AP). — Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios arrived in the Soviet Union on Tuesday and began a 12-day official visit to Russian Orthodox churches, the first by a spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians in 400 years.

The official Tass news agency reported the patriarch's arrival and said a speech of welcome was made by his host, Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and all Russia.

Dimitrios said the trip, which will include visits to churches in Leningrad, Kiev, Zagorsk and Georgia, is part of a series of return visits to Orthodox churches in Europe, Asia and Africa.

'Swiss banks to reveal Marcos accounts'

MANILA (Reuters). — Swiss banks will disclose the secret bank records of former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos next month without Manila having to file formal criminal charges against him, a Swiss lawyer retained by the Philippines government said yesterday. Investigations now being pursued by the Philippine government were sufficient, he said.

Manila alleges the former ruler secreted up to \$10 billion of wealth. The government of President Corason Aquino says this was stolen and is taking steps to have all such assets returned.

Soviet girl swallows snake in her sleep

MOSCOW (Reuters). — An 11-year-old girl swallowed a 65 cm. snake in her sleep but vomited it into a washbasin after drinking a salt solution, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said yesterday.

The girl, who was identified only by her first name Matanet, fell asleep after picking tomatoes in the sun and woke up after starting to choke. Pravda said.

"The girl was rushed to a children's clinic where she was made to drink two litres of salt solution. "With the first portion of water that she vomited, out plopped the whole snake into the washbasin," Pravda said.

Saudis free all foreign 'revellers' but one

RIYADH (AP). — All but one of 87 foreigners who allegedly violated Saudi Arabia's ban on liquor were being released gradually and told they must leave the country, Western diplomatic sources said yesterday.

They said they did not know if the host of Friday's party in the port city of Jeddah at which the group was detained, identified by security sources as an American, would be freed. The U.S. consulate in Jeddah refused to identify him.

Violence grows in S. Korea

SEOUL (AP). — Labour unrest turned increasingly violent yesterday as striking workers, defying threats of a crackdown, clashed with police in strikes for higher wages, better working conditions and free unions.

In Taegon, 135 km. south of Seoul, about 500 dissident students demonstrated in support of striking taxi drivers. Police fired tear gas to disperse the students, who fought back with stones. Associated Press photographer Bei Yeon Hong reported about 20 students were arrested.

Earlier yesterday national police chief Kwon Kyung ordered a crackdown against violence arising from labour disputes.

Kwon said the strikes were threatening public safety and social order. Police would step up efforts to find "outside forces" instigating the disputes, but he did not specify whom he meant. Police in the past have accused dissident groups of stirring up labour unrest for political purposes.

In Incheon, a port city west of the capital, about 1,000 shipyard workers, some driving cranes and forklifts, clashed with police in the streets the newspaper Chosen Ilbo said.

Police fired tear gas at the workers, who countered by throwing rocks. More than 10 workers and policemen were reported injured.

But at Hyundai heavy industries and six affiliated companies in Ulsan, where labour protests were settled through government mediation Tuesday, strikers are to return to work today.

American navy escorts another tanker convoy into Persian Gulf

The U.S. Navy sneaked a tanker convoy into the Persian Gulf yesterday as world attention was concentrated on the north of the waterway where another convoy has been ready to depart for several days.

Four tankers remained at anchor off Kuwait as four others, escorted by three U.S. warships, slipped through the Strait of Hormuz during the night without telling regional shipping authorities of its movements.

Once inside the Gulf, they joined up with the 11,000-ton USS Guadalcanal and its two escorts and the force headed north towards Kuwait.

Specialist Sea Stallion helicopters from the Guadalcanal preceded the convoy, dipping their sensors into the sea to sniff for mines, which have damaged six ships and sunk a boat during the past three months.

When the Guadalcanal moved south to pick up the incoming convoy, shipping sources said it probably was scouting an exit route for the convoy forgoing in Kuwait.

Attention was further focused on Kuwait when the emirate said it had found and detonated a mine near the tankers' anchorage.

Shipping agents in the United

Arab Emirates (UAE) in the southern Gulf said they had not been told that the four tankers were entering the waterway.

"We were expecting a southbound convoy, when the Americans pulled this surprise on everyone and escorted these tankers northwest," said one shipping executive, requesting anonymity.

"It appears the Americans are bent on perfecting a style of secret sailing-up and down the Gulf, with a view to allowing adversaries no time to impede the convoys."

Three of the escorted tankers were reflagged Kuwaiti ships; the fourth was unidentified.

The convoy entered the Gulf a few hours after a Soviet missile frigate, the Ladny, escorted a Soviet cargo ship, the Petr Yemsov, out of the waterway.

Shipping agents said the convoy of tankers and warships was not answering any radio calls.

The journey past Iranian anti-ship missile batteries at the strait came a day after Iranian commandos in speedboats raked a tanker with rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire in the first such attack in the Gulf of Oman since the

Iran-Iraq war erupted seven years ago.

Meanwhile, in Damascus, it was announced that the presidents of Syria and the United Arab Emirates will send envoys to Tehran in a new effort to end the war, sources close to a UAE delegation said yesterday.

UAE president Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan al-Nahayan and Syrian President Hafez Assad had ended four days of talks. They would try to persuade Iran to accept a UN Security Council resolution which last month ordered a ceasefire in the war, the sources said.

Events in the Gulf were also felt in The Hague. The Dutch Foreign Ministry on Tuesday asked British Ambassador Sir John Denys Margetson to explain "incomprehensible" British criticism of the Netherlands' failure to contribute to the minesweeping operation in the Gulf.

The row was caused Monday by British Foreign Office junior minister David Mellor, who said that only the U.S., Britain and France were making an effort in the Gulf, hinting that the Netherlands, West Germany and Italy were trying to avoid responsibilities there. (Reuters, AP, AFP)

Autopsy and Hess note show it was a suicide

BERLIN. — Hitler's former deputy Rudolf Hess died of asphyxiation, and a note was found in his pocket clearly implying he took his own life, the British military authorities announced here yesterday. They said that an autopsy was performed in the presence of medical representatives from France, Britain and the Soviet Union.

"While some laboratory tests are still to be completed, the primary cause of death has been determined to be asphyxiation," the statement said. "The note which was found on the body — the contents of which have been released to the Hess family — clearly implies that Hess planned to take his own life."

It added that "investigations are continuing into the precise circumstances surrounding the death."

The British military authorities had said on Monday after Hess was found dead with an electric cable around his neck, that he had apparently committed suicide.

The contents of the note have not been made public.

Meanwhile, the mayor of the remote Bavarian town of Wunsiedel said yesterday that he is worried that Hess's burial there may attract an annual gathering of Nazi sympathizers.

Wunsiedel, nestled in rolling, tree-covered hills only 18 km. from the Czechoslovak border, has attracted attention as the Hess family burial site.

The Hess family plot shares the local cemetery with a stone memorial dedicated to the victims of fascism that commemorates 30 local Jews deported and killed by Nazis.

"The town can only hope that yearly memorial services won't be held here to mark the day of Hess's death," Mayor Karl Walter told the Associated Press in an interview yesterday.

"It would be terrible if Wunsiedel became a mecca for people who have learned nothing from the past," Walter, 54, was quoted in the mass-circulation Bild newspaper as saying, referring to extremists who espouse Nazi ideology.

The mayor said "it is certain" Hess would be buried in the family plot. "I just talked with Wolf Ruediger Hess (Hess's son) this morning."

The mayor added that the exact day of the burial was still not known, based on the uncertainties of when the body would be turned over to the family.

Wunsiedel, a town of 10,208 people, is known for its fine, locally-produced porcelain. (AFP, AP)

S. African strike

Police-miners clash wrecks 'peace' talks

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — A clash between police and striking black mineworkers has wrecked talks on ending violence in South Africa's biggest wage dispute.

Officials of the black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) stormed out of talks with the giant Anglo American Corporation Tuesday after hearing that police had fired on strikers at Anglo's President Steyn gold mine in the Orange Free State.

The NUM said the police used rubber bullets, birdshot and whips against miners waiting for buses near the mine, injuring 15 men.

Police said they had fired teargas and rubber bullets at about 40 people holding an illegal gathering ignored their order to disperse. They said they had no report of injuries.

The NUM and Anglo American, the company worst hit by an 11-day-old strike by some 300,000 black miners had agreed to meet after the union said about 240 of its members had been injured in battles with the police and mine security forces.

Spanish police want rotation in Basque areas

By PAUL ELLMAN

MADRID. — Recent days have seen policemen and their wives hurling insults at government officials during the funeral of two colleagues killed by a terrorist bomb, and officers barricading themselves in barracks to protest against serving in the Basque country.

The protests are the outward manifestations of what has become known as the "syndrome of the north," the psychological problems suffered by members of the security forces and their families as a result of the stress that duty in the Basque country imposes on their daily lives.

Members of the Spanish security forces have accounted for more than 300 of the almost 700 people killed since the terrorist group ETA in 1986 launched its campaign of violence for an independent Basque country.

Spain's principal police union, the Unified Police Union (SUP), has now started lobbying the government to rotate the policemen out of the Basque provinces and the adjoining province of Navarre which is claimed by radical nationalists as part of the land they would call Euskadi.

Diego Conejo, the SUP secretary in the Basque province of Alava, described the mental strain suffered by policemen. "Some of your neighbours reject you for being a policeman, the rest for fear of being seen with

you," he said. "When you go into a cafe, you always look for a seat where you can see the whole place. There's always the chance of an attack. The syndrome of the north means always carrying a gun, even off duty."

The SUP, which estimates that 60 per cent of the policemen stationed in the Basque country have already spent at least six years there, has called on the government to begin rotating officers out of the region at a rate of 600 every six months.

More controversially, the SUP has asked the government to transfer more duties to the 3,000-man Basque regional police force, known as the Ertzaintza from the Basque-language word for shepherd.

Similar demands have been repeatedly made by moderate Basque nationalists who argue that the historic image of the Spanish security forces as the agents of an occupying power makes Basques reluctant to cooperate with them even when they are opposed to the ETA.

Officials in Madrid, however, argue that the security forces have the obligation to defend the integrity of Spain as a whole, and that this implies fighting the independence sought by ETA. In addition, they stressed last week, the Spanish government cannot afford to meet the policemen's demands for fear that this would indicate that the resolve of the security forces was faltering and give new heart to ETA.

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ON THE NIGHT of June 12, 1985, a young, slight, plainclothes cop was wandering along Morningside Drive on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. To the West was St. Luke's Hospital, and the cop, Lee Van Houten, was on the look-out for robbers breaking into the doctors' cars. He had a radio in his pocket and a pistol in his boot.

To the East was Morningside Park, one of the great landscaped parks bequeathed to New York by the 19th century, sloping down the hill to Harlem. It is one of the most dangerous places in the city. Sensible people do not go there, even at midday. Students at Columbia University and the hospitals and other centres of learning on the heights are warned never to venture down those dark inviting hills. Two young black men came through the park that evening, looking for someone to rob. They found Van Houten, grabbed him round the neck, beat him, robbed him.

In self-defence, he pulled out his gun and shot and killed one of them. The dead man was 18-year-old Edmund Perry, who had just graduated from Exeter Academy, one of the most expensive and exclusive boarding schools in America. He had been admitted, on a full scholarship, to Stanford University, California, the most difficult university to get into in the country.

This was not the first time the New York police had killed a black person. It was a frequent occurrence, if only because most violent crimes in New York are carried out by blacks just as most of the victims are blacks. But some recent cases had seemed quite unjustified: one 300-lb. half-blind woman was killed by police who had come to evict her for not paying her rent. A young man picked up for defacing the subway had been killed in the back of a patrol car.

So when one of the best and the brightest of Harlem's youth, a boy with no criminal record, who had been strictly brought up and had won scholarships to take him out of the ghetto, was shot by a cop, many people did not believe the police story. Black politicians, who turned it into a cause célèbre, accused the police of murder.

A Manhattan policeman shoots dead a black assailant who happens to be a graduate of one of America's most exclusive boarding schools. A new book investigates what drove Edmund Perry, one of Harlem's brightest youths, to attack the cop.

Elitist backlash

Patrick Brogan/Washington

But Van Houten's story was true. There is really no doubt that Eddie Perry, with all the world at his feet, was so consumed with hatred and self-doubt that, with another black, he attacked and beat a much smaller white man and might well have killed him.

The question is why, and a remarkable book, *Best Intentions: The Education and Killing of Edmund Perry*, (Random Press) by Robert Sam Anson provides the structure of an answer. Perry is dead, and while no post-mortem analysis can ever be certainly correct, this one sounds convincing.

IN ONE important sense, the story might be more easily understood in England than in America. There is a whole literature, going back to *Tom Brown's School Days*, devoted to the horrors of private boarding schools—known in England as public schools and in America as prep schools. The misery and alienation of boys ripped from their homes at the age of 13, and submitted to the ferociously cruel world of adolescent sadism monitored by an adult police state is part of English literature. Everyone knows about it.

Life in an American prep school is just as miserable and conformist—worse to the boy who is the least bit

different. But it's not part of the culture, and Mr. Anson, whose own son goes to Exeter, was astonished and horrified to discover it.

Nothing in the English experience matches the culture shock of a boy from Harlem recruited into a world of ultimate American privilege, white privilege.

Eddie Perry was highly gifted and his mother and a few exceptional teachers instilled into him a will to succeed. He was not an intellectual, ideas and books did not interest him much for themselves. They were a means to get him out of the ghetto, so he studied furiously.

Exeter and other prep schools, guilty about the privilege they represent, offer poor kids scholarships and seek out the brightest black kids. Then they feel good. The black kids don't. A third of them can't stand the pressures and drop out. The others survive (Mr. Anson describes this particularly well) by building a shell around themselves, to keep out the condescension of well-meaning teachers and patronizing students.

Perry constructed for himself the persona of the street-wise hard kid from Harlem—although he was not, in fact that sort of kid. It was a good act—but a boy who had to juggle two worlds, the Harlem that he was losing and the rich white world to which

he would never be admitted, could not cope with a third, wholly fictitious world, as well. So he fell in with the Exeter druggies, used marijuana, tried LSD, dealt in drugs.

Teenagers find it almost impossible to take their problems to adults. The school was no different. It assumed, like Eton or Rugby in England, that the boys, faced with the choice of sink or swim, would swim—and if they couldn't, it was their own fault, not Exeter's.

Perry was overwhelmed by the strain, and by his last year had fallen back to a hatred of the white world that expected him to conform but would not admit him membership.

He chose Stanford because it was farthest away from home. He could make a new start there—though there, too, he would be the token black, admitted over the heads of more gifted whites, to show what a splendid, integrated place the university was.

Then one evening, playing basketball in Harlem, he lost a wager (he was no good at basketball, another problem for a black boy). So he set off to steal the money to pay the debt (his brother, Jonah, was tried as the accomplice, but acquitted for lack of evidence). The two young men chose the wrong mark, and Perry died.

THE BOOK shocked Exeter when it came out, painting so desperately unflattering a picture of that famous school. It had not thought much about the reality of race relations for years. Now they had to answer the question about why blacks don't conform, or won't conform to white norms, why they don't behave like immigrants who slave to become Americans, and to make their children Americans.

But the blacks aren't immigrants, and why should they conform to a world that has persecuted them for generations? American blacks have acquired a massive collective inferiority complex, particularly black men. Society at large, their parents, their friends, all agree they won't ever amount to much—and most of them live down to that expectation. Eddie Perry broke out of it, with help from American liberals, but it got him in the end.

(London Observer Service)

They chose the wrong victims

David Horowitz/London

WHEN TWO "city gents" bluffed their way past guards at a "burglar-proof" London safe deposit vault last month and made off with the contents of 126 boxes, the robbery was hailed as one of the most daring and well-planned ever. Yet this week many of the gang who pulled it off are behind bars, awaiting trial, and the police seem to be having no trouble at all recovering the jewelry, gold and other stolen valuables.

So where did the gang go wrong? Their robbery was certainly lucrative. The estimated sums stolen rise almost daily, as safe-deposit boxholders come forward to give the police details of the valuables they were storing at Parvez Latif's Knightsbridge Safe Deposit Centre.

But the perpetrators of the crime have had little time to enjoy their new-found wealth. Managing-director Latif, four Israelis and several others have been charged in connection with the robbery, and police have traced about half of the stolen booty.

The "daring raid" might have broken British records, realizing rather more than the 1983 £23 million Brinks-Mat bullion robbery, but

the gang that pulled off that earlier crime have hung on to their haul. Few of the Knightsbridge protagonists are likely to emulate that feat.

According to sources close to the police investigation of the theft, the thieves' biggest mistake was in choosing to rob the Knightsbridge centre in the first place.

It had earned a reputation as the safest vault in the world, and it is thought that many of Britain's wealthier criminals had sufficient faith in its security measures to have deposited their own ill-gotten gains in its deepest recesses.

Some 40 of the box-owners who had valuables stolen have yet to provide police with details of what they lost, a fact which lends some credibility to the theory that lots of what was nicked was nicked in the first place!

The sources believe that, on learning that their safe deposit boxes had been raided, several underworld figures set about identifying the Knightsbridge gang, and informing on them to the police.

THE FIRST suspect arrested, Italian Valerio Vicci, was apparently

put under surveillance after an anonymous tip-off to police. Once he had begun to talk, and to identify other members of the gang, the task of the 60 detectives on the case was made far more straightforward.

It will probably take several weeks before the prosecution cases against Israel Pinkas and Elihu Efrati—the first two Israelis arrested—are presented in court, and until then one can only speculate on the chain of events that led to their recruitment.

The involvement of the second Israeli pair—Avraham Bar Tov and Yossi Meshulam—is easy to understand, however.

The pair are both Hatton Garden jewellers, with easy access to smelting equipment. They were thus in a perfect position to melt down the various gold coins stolen, for safe resale on the bullion market.

When the first suspects in the Knightsbridge raid were arrested last week, and three of them were revealed to be Italian, there was talk of a Mafia link to the robbery. Now it is Israelis who outnumber the other nationalities on the suspects' bench.

The police have intimated that they expect further arrests.

READERS' LETTERS

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT DANGEROUS DRIVING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - My fellow countrymen often drive their vehicles with their left arm dangling nonchalantly out of the open window.

This is sheer idiocy: not only can this be mistaken for a hand signal, not only do these people risk injury

to or even loss of an arm, but they are dangerous drivers of the worst kind.

We should take away their licence to drive.

SYD SILVER

Ashkelon.

Sir, - Last summer, when our high officials discovered that Israeli drivers were more careless and more nervous because of the heat, it was decided that taxes would be abolished on car air-conditioners. At the time, an average air-conditioner used to cost about NIS 1,300.

Today the price is NIS 1,800, and only payable in cash. No comment.

VICTOR AEOBAS

Tel Aviv.

Sir, - Drivers, like the rest of the human race, have a maximum of two hands. If one of these is occupied with smoking or eating a pizza or ice cream, that leaves only one hand to cope with steering, changing gear, etc.

I would seriously submit that legislation be enacted to prohibit eating and smoking when driving to ensure higher concentration on the mechanics of safer driving—at no cost.

AVIVA BOOKIN

Jerusalem.

Sir, - Marion Sillman's letter of August 2 about the value of seat belts in cars makes a lot of sense, unlike the statements made on the subject by the Minister of Transport.

My husband and I were recently victims of a horrific car crash in the U.S. A burst rear tyre caused our car to slew across the interstate highway into a greasy ditch where it somersaulted with us fastened inside. The car was a complete write-off. We were saved, and the highway patrol police, the ambulance attendants and the doctors and nurses at the hospital emergency room all stated definitely and emphatically that, had we not been fastened in with seat belts, we would assuredly have been killed. We emerged without broken bones and alive.

The Minister of Transport had better think about that.

I. COHEN

Ramatana.

OUR APOLOGIES, WE TOO WERE INFORMED ONLY AT THE LAST MINUTE.

The El Al management offers its profound apologies to passengers whose plans went awry on Monday, August 17.

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EL AL

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SOCCER

Dricks to stay with Mac. TA

Post Sports Staff
Maccabi Tel Aviv's Eli Dricks is the one who didn't get away.

In a season where at least a half-dozen Israeli footballers will be playing in Europe, most of them in Belgium, national team striker Dricks has been unable to win his release from his club.

Dricks was seeking to play for Belgian club Molenbeek, but yesterday reached agreement with Maccabi Tel Aviv, pledging to stay with the Israeli club for the next two seasons. In return, Maccabi undertook to make amends on their \$131,000 debt owed Dricks, according to the compromise agreement signed in Tel Aviv District Court.

Dricks, 22, was seeking release from his contract, claiming Maccabi must pay him or let him free.

Other Israelis playing abroad this season include Avi Cohen for Glasgow Rangers, David Pisanti for Queens Park Rangers, and Ronnie Rosenthal, Moshe Sinai and Eli Ohana in Belgium.

Foreigners still out

By ORI LEWIS

Hapoel's dominant voting bloc have again succeeded in removing the issue of foreign footballers in Israel from the Israel Football Association's agenda.

Hapoel General Secretary Yitzhak Ofek yesterday imposed his will on Hapoel's 15 members on the IFA executive, forcing them—for the meantime—to vote against allowing foreign players to play for Israeli clubs.

Shaul Sweri, returned to office yesterday for a second term as IFA chairman, said after the meeting that the issue would not be raised again until next week at the earliest.

Maccabi and Betar sports organizations are pushing for the inclusion of foreigners here, but even after the elections for a new IFA executive committee, leaving Maccabi with seven delegates and Betar with three, there will be no change in the balance of power.

Hapoel head Ofek has said he favors allowing foreign players in, but only after the National League footballers' number is reduced from 14 to 12.

But Maccabi faction head Avraham Melchior said Hapoel's reasoning was inconceivable. "Ofek says he is for the inclusion of foreigners, yet he and Hapoel are constantly trespassing the issue."

"If Hapoel have agreed to the inclusion of two foreign players in basketball's National League, why can they not allow the inclusion of foreign soccer players," Melchior said.

SWIMMING

Gross suffers rare defeat

STRASBOURG (AFP). - Britain's Adrian Moorhouse extracted some revenge for his bitter experience of a year ago when he smashed his own European record in retaining the 100m. breaststroke title at swimming's European Championship here on Tuesday.

West German star Michael Gross suffered the rare taste of defeat

TENNIS

'Miracle man' ousts Mansdorf

CINCINNATI (AP). - New Zealand's Kelly Evernden, the pro tennis tour's "miracle man," ousted Israel's Amos Mansdorf with a straight-set win in the first round at the \$375,000 ATP Championships here.

Evernden, 27, used a big serve and aggressive volleying tactics to beat 14th-seeded Mansdorf on Tuesday 6-4, 7-6.

Mansdorf, playing his first match since pulling out of last week's Montreal Open due to stomach problems, looked less than sharp in losing to the world's 116th-ranked player.

Evernden was hit by a car when he was 16 and his heart stopped twice in five days, once for a minute and once for 45 seconds. He also suffered a broken arm, leg and ribs, one of which punctured a lung that was later removed.

Earlier, John McEnroe became the first major casualty in the championships when he was beaten by unseeded American Paul Annacone 7-6, 6-4 in an opening-round match during which he injured his back.

It was McEnroe's second career loss to Annacone, who had beat him in the first round of the U.S. Open last year.

McEnroe suffered back problems

earlier in the year but said today's injury was minor and unrelated to his previous injury.

"I felt like something really tightened up during the first set and it didn't go away," McEnroe said. "But it should take me about four days to get over it."

Another seed to fall in the first round was sixth-seeded Henri Leconte of France, who was eliminated by unseeded American Jonathan Canter 6-3, 7-5.

Seventh-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden was a straight-set winner over unseeded American Jimmy Arias 6-4, 6-4, but Boris Becker and Jimmy Connors, the third and fourth seeds, each needed three sets to eliminate their first-round opponents.

Becker beat unseeded American Marcel Freeman 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, while Connors came from behind to beat unseeded Jay Berger of the U.S. 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

In Toronto, Australian Anne Minter whipped fourth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-1, eliminating the defending champion from the \$293,000 Player's Challenge tennis tournament.

Minter, ranked 50th internationally, reeled off seven straight games on Tuesday to wrap up the first set and give her an insurmountable lead in the second.

In Manhattan, New York, in the opening round of the U.S. \$25,000 Challenger tournament at the Shelter Rock Tennis Club, Maya Kidwaki of Japan eliminated Diana Berger of Israel 6-4, 6-3.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST					AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	70	48	.593	-	Toronto	71	48	.597	-
Montreal	67	51	.568	-	Detroit	69	47	.595	1/2
New York	67	52	.563	3 1/2	New York	68	51	.571	3
Philadelphia	61	57	.517	9	Milwaukee	67	57	.541	9
Chicago	60	58	.504	10 1/2	Boston	57	62	.479	14
Pittsburgh	52	70	.427	19 1/2	Baltimore	54	65	.454	17
					Cleveland	48	73	.397	25

WEST DIVISION					WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	62	58	.517	-	Minnesota	66	55	.545	-
San Francisco	62	58	.517	-	Oakland	60	59	.504	5
Houston	60	59	.504	1 1/2	California	60	60	.500	5 1/2
Los Angeles	52	66	.441	9	Kansas City	59	60	.496	6
Atlanta	51	68	.429	10 1/2	Texas	56	62	.475	8 1/2
San Diego	49	70	.412	12 1/2	Seattle	56	63	.471	9
					Chicago	48	70	.407	16 1/2

TUESDAY'S GAMES: Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 4; Montreal 2, Los Angeles 1; New York 7, San Francisco 2; San Diego 9, Philadelphia 4 (11 innings); Atlanta 9, Chicago 5; Houston 4, St. Louis 8.

TUESDAY'S GAMES: Cleveland 9, Milwaukee 9 (12 innings); Detroit 11, Minnesota 2; Boston 14, Chicago 8; Texas 3, Kansas City 1; Baltimore 4, California 1; Toronto 2, Oakland 1; New York 4, Seattle 3.

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Sharp rescues Everton

LONDON (AFP). - Graeme Sharp spared Everton's blushes with a late goal to salvage a point for the English League champions at Wimbledon on Tuesday.

The Scottish striker scored from close range seven minutes from time to save off a first defeat for new Everton manager Colin Harvey.

FA Cup holders Coventry watched their second win in four days. Captain Brian Kilobrey converting a disputed 66th minute penalty for the only goal at Luton.

Chelsea ruled Portsmouth's first Division One game before their home crowd at Fratton Park 2-0, triumphing the new boys 3-0. Pat Nevin, Kerry Dixon and newcomer Clive

Wilson were on target to make it a night of misery for manager Alan Ball, whose side have now conceded seven goals in their first two games.

Martin Foye, Oxford's capture from Aldershot, scored his first goal for the club to give them a 1-1 draw at Sheffield Wednesday after Leo Chapman put the home side ahead.

Second Division results: Bradford 2, Oldham 0; Barnsley 1, Blackburn 0; Ipswich 0, Plymouth 0; Stoke 1, Hull 1.

Littlewoods Cup results: Rotherham 4, Rotherham 4; Swindon 3, Bristol City 0; Sunderland 1, Middlesbrough 0; Walsley 0, North County 0; Blackpool 2, Chester 0; Bournemouth 1, Exeter 1; Chesterfield 2, Peterborough 1.

West German League results: Hamburg 3, Hannover 3.

French League results: Nice 2, St. Etienne 1.

CRICKET

LONDON (AFP). - Nottinghamshire stayed on course for a unique English cricket hat-trick - country championship, Sunday league and Nat West trophy - with a crushing win over second-placed Northants in the championship at Trent Bridge. Nottingham have a handsome 32-point cushion now the chasing pack at the top of the championship, with four of their remaining six fixtures at home.



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Ministries battle over methanol

Everyone wants the lead out of petrol, the question is, What to put in?

By LISA PERLMAN
For The Jerusalem Post

Air pollution rapidly took a back seat to jurisdictional disputes between the ministries last week, after the Interior Ministry unveiled a plan to reduce the lead content in petrol and add methanol in its place.

The petrol changes were part of a 10-point ministry plan to deal with air pollution that had been sitting on Interior Ministry Director-General Arye Deri's desk for several weeks before he announced it to the press last Wednesday. The ministry said it aimed to reduce the lead content in petrol within six months from the present 0.42 grams to 0.15 grams per litre, similar to European Community standards.

The problem from the viewpoint of some other ministries, was that Interior officials planned to implement the programme unilaterally. Both the Energy and Health ministries, as well as the Standards Institute and the state-owned Haifa oil refineries would have to cooperate in the project.

"The idea of lowering lead content and introducing methanol came from us originally. Energy Minister Moshe Shalish initiated it," says Energy Ministry spokesman Avishai Amir. "We conducted numerous tests, including on-road trials, and the results were given to the Interior Ministry a few days before the announcement."

Shalish says he would be "happy" to work with the Interior Ministry. Amir continues, "If I approached him for help. 'Otherwise I don't understand why he [Deri] chose to get involved in energy matters.' Shalish was quoted as saying.

At the Health Ministry's Research



Institute for Environmental Health the same attitude prevails. "Every ministry should do what it is supposed to do," says Dr. Shmuel Brenner, the unit's head. "Public health should be the domain of the Ministry of Health," he said referring to harmful effects of air pollution on people's health.

Although all these ministries, and local environmental groups have long-endorsed the reduction, if not the removal, of lead from petrol, nothing has been done about it.

Tetra-ethyl lead was introduced into petrol over 50 years ago to boost the fuel's octane level, which led to more powerful, higher-compression engines. But later the lead compound was found to settle at the bottom of the tank, leaving a residue of gas that did not burn. Fuel companies then began adding ethylene di-bromide to prevent the residue. This combination, however, produced a toxic exhaust gas called lead bromide.

In the U.S. it has been possible to buy unleaded gas at regular service stations since 1979. Although European Community countries are not at quite the same level, they have been steadily reducing lead content over the years.

High-quality gasoline contains

more octane than the lower grades. In the U.S., petrol of, say, 85 octane, could be boosted to 96 octane by adding pure lead to make up the difference. In Israel, lead is added to achieve 96 octane, according to Ehud Finkelstein, a chemical engineering consultant.

The addition of the compounds methanol or ethanol to petrol are also known to raise the octane level. However, cost considerations have kept them out of Israeli petrol at the refining stage.

Moreover, these cannot be sold either without the approval of the Energy Ministry or without standards being set. Therefore, the Interior Ministry's promises to introduce them may prove to be empty.

The state-owned Oil Refineries Ltd. aren't particularly interested in reducing lead content, because then they couldn't produce cheap, high-octane fuel. But there is at least one interested party in seeing methanol employed on a wide basis.

Dor Chemicals Ltd. has been producing the chemical since 1973, for industrial use and is the only Israeli company in the business. Four years ago, Dor presented a plan to introduce methanol as a lead substitute for cars, but the ministries of Energy and Transport never ruled on it. Dor

made a similar proposal earlier this year, promising it could have the entire country lining up at fuel pumps for methanol petrol by September.

"Adding methanol to fuel reduces carbon dioxide by about 50 per cent and hydrocarbons by 30 per cent," says managing director Shmuel Danek. "It is commendable that the Interior Ministry has taken steps to improve the quality of petrol in Israel, in line with acceptable standards in the West."

"Dor is doing everything possible to sell their methanol," counters Shimon Gilboa, head of the Fuel Authorities, "despite the fact that there is a surplus in Europe of seven billion gallons of methanol a year."

The Fuel Authority some months ago set up a committee to look into the situation and come up with alternatives to lead that would also boost the octane level. Methanol, it seems, is not likely to be among them.

"Methanol harms the engine and engine performance," says Dr. Eli Zehavi, chief chemical engineer at Delek Fuel Corp. "Some manufacturers don't allow its use at all and others are reviewing its approval," he says. The problem stems from introducing alcohol-based products, of which methanol is one, into the fuel system. West Germany recently discovered a methanol-related phenomenon "black sludge." "It is caused by a reaction between the air, nitrous compounds in gas and methanol, and alcohol," Zehavi said.

The alternatives, he says, are either to find other octane-boosters or change the refining process to manufacture unleaded gas. But this will be very difficult, he admits, since it means changing the entire production systems at refineries, getting the Standards Institute into the picture and an enormous investment.

Danek contends that public pressure is building and that as a result the Energy Ministry will "finally take action" in favour of methanol. But Gilboa has other thoughts: "The committee will end the discussion about methanol in a few days."

THE TAX BURDEN/Jeff Broide

A travel tax refund

Q. I am a keen reader of your weekly articles. This question may not fall within your field, but could you tell me how one can claim a refund on the NIS 250 travel tax paid and not used? Can it be transferred to someone else? (David, Moshav Zippori)

It would appear that you may claim the refund by going into your nearest value-added tax office with your passport and travel tax voucher evidencing payment and, provided that all is in order with both of these documents, you will be refunded the amount paid.

Q. I work as a full-time surgeon in Kupat Holim and as such pay maximum National Insurance Institute (NII) payments monthly. To supplement my earnings I maintain a private practice after hours, which amounts to less than 12 hours per week. I am now being asked to pay further National Insurance payments because of these earnings. There appears to be a difference of opinion as regards these payments. I would value your advice. (Dr. C. Malkin, Rehovot)

It would appear that if your main income is from a salary and your private practice takes up less than 12 hours a week, then you are not liable to additional National Insurance payments on your private income. In addition, if your salary income already exceeds the NII

The regular three-monthly vacation does not alter the foreign non-resident status of the person involved. However, if the employee were to hold the salary earned overseas and transfer it at a later stage as capital transfers, then there would be a strong case for the amounts not being liable to taxes at all.

It should be stressed that the income tax rates indicated above apply to countries with whom Israel has not concluded double-tax treaties. Where there are such valid treaties, the rates will be according to those specified in the particular treaty.

Q. Self-employed taxpayers in the liberal professions are generally not liable to keep their books of account on a double-entry system. Is this dependent on the size of their turnover?

No. The turnover or volume of business activity has no relevance here. These regulations are specified in the tax regulations governing keeping the books of account and therein no mention is made of turnover.

Q. Businesses or enterprises are generally required to keep their books of accounts according to the special tax-accounting regulations but based on the previous year's turnover or volume of activity. What is the situation in a new business or enterprise that has not operated in the previous year? How are the books of account to be kept in this case?

If an enterprise operated a month or two months in the previous year, then the period of time is proportionately adapted relative to the year and the relevant calculations made to see which regulations in fact apply. If, however, the enterprise employs a large number of employees, which is one of the factors governing the type of books to be kept, then it will have to keep books, even though it did not carry on any business activity in the previous year.

If neither of these apply, it would appear that a new enterprise may choose the more lenient and convenient method of those available for its first year of operations.

Q. What is the situation with a salaried worker who makes his motor vehicle available for work purposes and the employer reimburses business expenses on petrol?

The income tax authorities are of the view that such payments are not regular motor vehicle expenses but should be treated as part of salary. However, certain tax experts disagree with this viewpoint and hold that this is similar to a situation where the car has been hired by the business. In such a case, the expenses incurred are, in fact, deductible as would be the case if the car would be rented by the business.

The writer is a Certified Public Accountant (Israel). Questions may be addressed to him at The Jerusalem Post.

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maximum, then, in any case, you are not liable to additional payments. The maximum income for NII purposes at the present time is NIS 3,675 monthly.

Questions raised frequently in various forums:

Q. What is the position of a resident of Israel living overseas for three years, during which he visits Israel for three months and every month transfers salary earned to Israel? The employee concerned was not employed overseas in the same work in which he was employed in Israel.

As the income is, in fact, transferred as such to Israel - that is on a regular monthly basis - it will be liable to income tax here, either at 25 per cent of the net amount received or at 48 per cent of the gross salary. The taxes paid in the foreign country may be set off in the latter case.

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WORLD BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Japan ready to resume expansion

TOKYO (Reuters). - Japan's top economic planner forecast yesterday that growth this year was likely to exceed the government's target

and declared the country had turned the corner in its battle to revamp its export-driven economy.

Tetsu Kondo, economic planning minister, said Japan may suffer from high unemployment for some time as it restructures its economy, but there was no danger of inflation being rekindled. We're on the right track, he said.

His remarks should come as wel-

come news to Japan's trading partners, who have been pressing the country for months to boost economic growth and imports.

Nevertheless, prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange were lower yesterday, as a consequence of the dollar's sharp drop (see story on page 7). The Nikkei Stock Average fell 112.75 points to 25,231.59. It was the fourth successive decline.

BRAZIL RAN A TRADE surplus of

\$4.883 billion during the first seven months of 1987, down from the \$7.179b. registered during the same period last year, Brazil's state Banco de Brazil announced yesterday.

Brazil - which is running the Third World's highest foreign debt at \$112b. - has set a goal of \$8.7b. trade surplus for 1987, down from the 1986 surplus of \$9.5b. and the 1985 figure of \$12.5b.

DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED MINES achieved a massive profit

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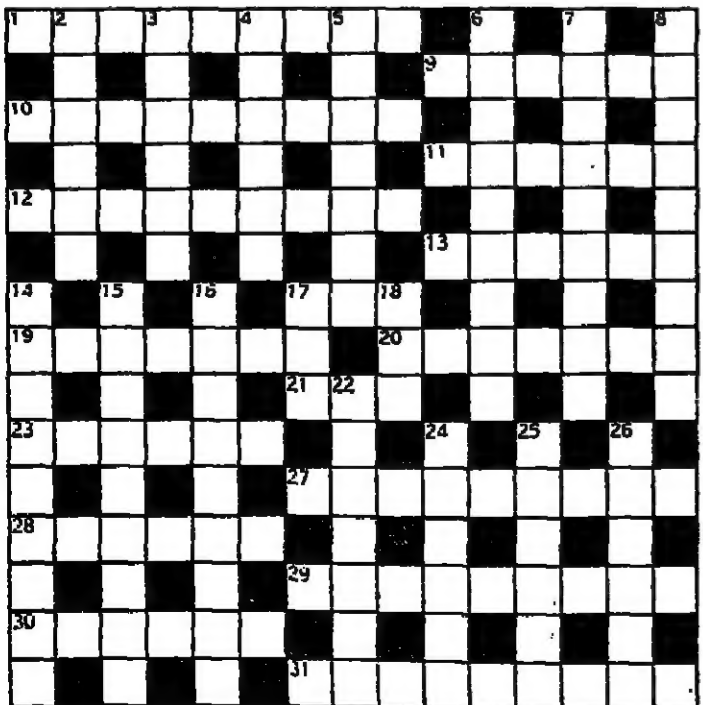
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Respect some hesitation in one's excuses, perhaps (9)
- 9 Recover concerning profit? (6)
- 10 Oppose an insect repellent (9)
- 11 Master-switch for the current (6)
- 12 A leading Roman? (9)
- 13 He may produce stupor - in his readers? (6)
- 17 Hard to place (5)
- 19 A first principle in current heaters (7)
- 20 Conclude there's no place for the damned (7)
- 21 Back wages? Just talk (5)
- 23 Left a number at the gate (6)

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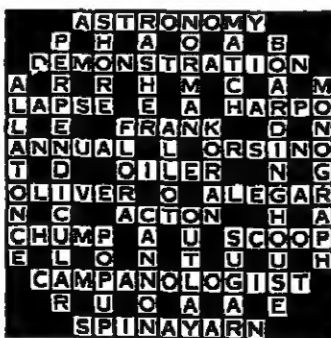
- 2 They're a blend of the main races (9)
- 25 Save cash (6)
- 29 Where to find children who have lost their parents (9)
- 30 Quake in the centre, more or less (6)
- 31 Auspicious undertaking? (9)
- 2 Number of the Spanish flat (6)
- 3 Turns out not to one's choice (6)
- 4 Get money out of misadventure (6)
- 5 Urge to examine some money (5)



6 The richer for not getting on? (6,3)

- 7 Reliable watch to look after (9)
- 8 I'm in a race for life (9)
- 14 Moderate team peter out (9)
- 15 Retired permanently on grounds of ill health (9)
- 16 A classic dream once in circulation (9)
- 17 Where the farmer will go to sow? (5)
- 18 Hint at gratuity (5)
- 22 Possibly married someone who thought a lot of you (7)
- 24 His origins may be found in Armaah (6)
- 25 Angry outburst in play (6)
- 26 In opera Eugene shows singular spirit (6)

Yesterday's Solution



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- ACROSS: 1 Silly, 4 Aisles, 9 Remorse, 10 Toper, 11 Cato, 12 Terrain, 13 Soy, 14 Fax, 16 Soda, 18 Act, 20 Ticking, 21 Acre, 24 Clump, 25 Neutral, 26 Saturn, 27 Tyler, 28 Night, 29 Tilt, 30 Yarn, 31 Interest, 6 Lapland, 7 Serene, 8 Felt, 12 Sinner, 15 Account, 17 Stocks, 18 Agony, 19 Dealer, 22 Carol, 23 Quit.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Pear wine
- 4 Stone-worrier
- 10 Corpse
- 11 Ulude
- 12 Mountain ash
- 13 Fudles
- 15 Un-sight
- 17 Vachute
- 19 Night
- 22 Frank
- 23 Intimidate
- 27 Additional
- 28 Commerce
- 30 Annual
- 31 Per
- 32 Awe

DOWN

- 2 Beston
- 3 Income
- 5 Concur
- 6 Grue
- 7 Twenty
- 8 Mercies
- 9 Conical
- 14 Kind
- 16 Develop
- 18 Mean
- 20 Burden-some
- 21 Stall
- 23 Punitive
- 24 Sailing boat
- 26 Vigilant
- 28 Banal

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Bat Yam sponsors a LIBI Day

On Sunday, August 16, a day of fun and entertainment took place at the Bat Yam recreation and sports area, all proceeds going to LIBI. About 5,000 people enjoyed performances featuring comedians and entertainers, and swimming in the pools.

In the picture: Mr. Ehud Kinnamon, Mayor of Bat Yam, Mr. Menahem Savidor, Chairman of LIBI, a senior army officer, and the Nahal Group, which evoked an enthusiastic response from the audience for their great performance.

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El Al turns in a profit

By JONATHAN KARP
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — After losing money for eight consecutive years, El Al yesterday reported that it turned a \$15.2 million profit in 1986/87 on \$576m. in total revenue. It was the largest profit posted by the carrier in its 39-year history.

In the year ended March 31, El Al more than doubled its operating profit to \$34.9m., up from \$17.1m. in 1985/86. Revenue topped the \$500m. mark for the first time, rising 15.4 per cent, while operating expenses reached \$532m., an increase of 12.2 per cent, the annual report showed.

El Al has steadily improved its operating profit each year since resuming service in reactivation in 1983, but the 1986/87 increase was substantial enough to offset its huge financing costs. Last year the airline lost \$19.7m. mainly due to interest payments on loans, compared with \$21m. in 1985/86. Its debts outstanding are about \$340m.

The higher operating revenue resulted in large from a 9 per cent rise in the number of passengers, which brought a 20 per cent increase in passenger revenue. The increase came in a year when fear of terrorism and a weak U.S. dollar deterred tourists and hurt international airlines. But El Al experienced a significant rise in the number of passengers on its North Atlantic routes and at that same time more of its passengers travelled individually rather than with groups, and thus paid higher fares.

Two other significant factors were

an 11.2 per cent increase in cargo tonnage, to 139,000 tons, compared with 125,000 tons in 1985/86, and a yield increase of 11.8 per cent per ton-kilo-metre flown.

Overall passenger load factors increased from 73 per cent to 75 per

cent, and from 75.9 per cent to 76.7 per cent on the North Atlantic routes. The weighted load factor, which takes cargo into account, dropped, however, from 68.6 per cent to 67.5 per cent. All of these figures were safely above the break-even mark of 63 per cent.

These revenues outpaced operating expenses, which rose in tandem with a 5.5 per cent increase in hours flown. Greater salary costs and foreign currency fluctuations also accounted for much of the increase.

El Al, which has been trying to streamline operations over the past four years, managed to reduce costs in its air and ground operations a modest 4.5 per cent. El Al also benefited from a significant drop in fuel costs last year, and though better utilization of its aircraft, it man-

aged to lower the cost of available ton-kilometres by 7.7 per cent. Management continued its policy of trimming the work-force, though it reduced the number of permanent employees by just under 1 per cent, to 3,538.

El Al, meanwhile, also continued a trend begun in 1983 to add more temporary workers to its payroll. Yesterday's annual report was El Al's first in two years. The \$15.2m. profit represented a nearly \$22m. turnaround from the \$6.7m. loss sustained in 1985/86. Since resuming flights in 1983, the airline has managed to cut its cumulative losses to \$15.5m. Losses in the five years preceding its closure in 1982 totalled \$325.4m., the report said.

El Al's receiver Amram Blum and president Rafi Harar were due to present the figures yesterday in Tel Aviv, but after one newspaper printed them before the report was officially released, the aviation reporters of the Journalists Association voted to walk out of the press conference.

Hevrat Ha'ovdim overhaul

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, is in the process of implementing far-reaching changes designed to adapt the labour federation's business empire to a changing economy, managing director Danny Rosolio said yesterday.

Partnerships and other business combinations will be formed to enable the individual units of Hevrat Ha'ovdim to best exploit their advantages, Rosolio told a press conference. He cited plans announced earlier this week to merge its Tiyus unit into the Bank Hapoalim investment company as an example.

He said there would be a need for cooperation between the Histadrut-owned cooperatives, such as Tnuva, the kibbutzim and moshavim and the labour federation's corporations to help overcome their liquidity problems. That would entail joint marketing and production, he said.

Rosolio stressed the importance of Hevrat Ha'ovdim in contributing to the economy and to the country's social-economic dialogue while downplaying the government's role. He said the authorities, in his view, were not prepared to help companies in financial difficulty, even those that stood a chance of recovering.

The government was no substitute for a company's ability to compete in the capital markets — both in Israel and abroad — for funds, Rosolio said.

Dollar retains strength

LONDON (Reuters). — Short-covering helped the dollar edge back to European opening rates by the end of trading yesterday, and some dealers were looking for the market to maintain these levels for the near term while it pases to assess the recent sharp setback.

"We've had 48 years of the dollar going down," said John Cox, executive director at EBC Amro Bank. He noted that it seemed to be enough for the time being, but added "There doesn't seem to be any real sign of recovery."

The dollar finished at 1.8417 Deutschmarks, against an opening 1.8426 and previous final 1.8444. But it extended its fall to a final 145.05 yen from the opening 145.6 and previous final 146.15 amid disappointment that there was not greater pressure from U.S. short-covering today, traders said. (New York prices appear under New York Financial Markets in this page.)

The more cautious tone was encouraged by overnight reports that the Bank of Japan was supporting the dollar after it fell to 144.7 yen in Tokyo, dealers said. West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg's comments that rates are seen as appropriate by markets helped, they said.

In Washington, officials suggested yesterday that the dollar had returned to more realistic levels in the wake of the trade deficit announcement.

Israel Money Markets

Bank	Deposit	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
Leumi (August 7)	40-1000	11.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
	1001-10000	11.00	10.00	11.00	12.00
	10001-100000	12.00	11.00	12.00	13.00
	100001-1000000	12.00	11.00	12.00	13.00
Hapoalim (July 22)	Up to 1000	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
	1000-9999	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
	10000-49999	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
	50000-99999	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Discount (August 17/85-86)	1000-9999	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
	10000-49999	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
	50000-99999	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
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	5000-9999	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
	10000-49999	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
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A glimmer

THERE IS movement on the Israel-Soviet front, and while it does not spell an actual thaw in the long-frozen relationship any time soon, it does seem to bode progress of a sort. Some very cautious optimism may be warranted.

Last weekend the political adviser to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Dr. Nimrod Novik, spent ten hours discussing matters of common interest with the deputy chief of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East Section, Vladimir Terassov, at the Soviet embassy in Bonn. The duration of the encounter was itself most unusual, and apparently indicative of a genuine Soviet interest in starting a meaningful dialogue, however informal at this stage, with Israel.

More significant than the length of it, however, was the fact that by arranging the meeting the Kremlin made good an earlier pledge to open a direct line of communication with Jerusalem sometime this month.

Although they were considered at the time to have been aborted, the talks between Israeli and Soviet diplomatic teams in Helsinki exactly a year ago have already borne some fruit. A Soviet consular mission has been received in this country, and on the clear understanding that the gesture will be reciprocated if and when Israel asks for permission to despatch a similar mission to Moscow.

Without being formally acknowledged, the principle of reciprocity has been recognized in such ties as are or will be maintained by the two countries.

Moscow's new rulers have at the same time been served due notice that whatever chance there is of their being represented in any kind of international conference on Arab-Israeli peace, depends on their acceptance of two Israeli conditions. The first is a fundamental change of their attitude towards Soviet Jewry, meaning above all the resumption of large-scale aliyah, preferably by means of direct flights to Israel. The second is the restoration of diplomatic relations.

The bait of freer Jewish emigration from Soviet Russia has regularly been dangled before the anxious eyes of concerned American-Jewish leaders on visits to the Soviet capital during the past two years. In return, the visitors were to refrain from beating the anti-Soviet drum so strongly it might block efforts by the government of Mikhail Gorbachev to mend fences and rekindle détente with America.

So far the Soviet promise has barely even begun to be fulfilled. True, a slightly larger than the previously risible number of emigration permits is being granted to Jews with invitations from relatives in Israel. Some long-time refusniks, among them leading former Prisoners of Zion, have been allowed to depart. The head of the All-Union Ovir office has hinted that drop-outs need not jeopardize the prospects of aliyah and could go directly to countries other than Israel that have diplomatic ties with Moscow, on the strength of invitations by relatives there.

But that isn't it. And nor will it do if the Kremlin lets a few thousand noisy Jewish troublemakers leave; in small batches, only to close the gates practically shut again when the rest of aliyah-minded Soviet Jews line up for repatriation. In the meantime, however, even that little remains little, and on paper at least Soviet emigration rules are only being made more repressive. From Israel's perspective it must be said that so long as one Ida Nudel is being kept in Soviet captivity all of Mr. Gorbachev's inspiring oratory about *glasnost* and *perestroika* counts as nothing better than hot air.

For the restoration of diplomatic ties, Israel is prepared to wait. Certainly no one expects that to happen tomorrow. However, the mode of Soviet participation in a Middle East peace conference remains a fair subject for mutual examination.

Dr. Novik's Soviet interlocutor in Bonn is reported to have left the clear impression that the present wide gap in the positions of the two countries - or rather of the two foreign ministries - on the shape of the mooted conference, may yet be narrowed by the Soviets. That impression will be put to the test when Mr. Peres meets his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, at the UN within the next few days. The success of that meeting may in no small measure be determined by the prospects of a Soviet-American meeting of minds at the Reagan-Gorbachev summit expected for November. But every effort should be made between now and then to ensure that the causal nexus does not operate one way only.

The Lavi decision Objections overruled

David Krivine

THE PRO- AND anti-Lavi factions in Israel are roughly equal in size. That is understandable. We have an Israeli-made tank, the Merkava. Who would not like an Israeli-made warplane?

Besides, \$1.5b. of good money has already been invested. We resemble a builder who has planned a 40-storey hotel and has so far put up 20 floors. Stopping construction now would be like abandoning a half-built edifice.

All these, however, are emotional considerations. We must ask ourselves the logical question: Will completing the Lavi project be good or bad for Israel? The argument of those against is familiar by now. The Lavi is not a unique plane, the F-16 is just as good and enormously cheaper. So should we dump the Lavi?

The most persuasive reasons for doing so are provided perversely by those who want the Lavi continued. I do not know the breakdown of production costs, but listening to the rhetoric of Lavi supporters who presumably do, I am forced to the conclusion that the plane is a dud. Here are the propositions put forward:

□ **Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir:** It is possible to finance the project at least in part by higher productivity, that is, by cutting production costs.

By a few percentage points - surely, even though costs have been reduced already. But by another \$100m., \$200m., to cite the estimates bandied about?

Playing with figures like that strains the public's credulity. What kind of plane did Israel Aircraft Industries have in mind for the original price? What kind of plane will

they produce for the new price? The same world-beater as before?

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said it all: IAI will make every kind of phoney calculation in order to keep the contract.

□ **Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres:** We can finance the Lavi if we lower living standards.

But the Histadrut is busy pushing living standards up, by demanding a five-day week and a 10 per cent wage hike. Even if it gave up these demands (and can anybody imagine Kessar and Haberfeld doing that?) living standards would be unchanged; they would not be lowered.

The alternative of higher taxes would not help either. A tax on goods causes inflation, a tax on incomes hamstringing investment.

□ **Peres again:** Scrapping the Lavi would mean surrendering the wealth of technology that has been built up.

I quote the state comptroller: "Preserving this technological activity is important only if it has a use."

The only use is in the production of more planes after the Lavi. This is unlikely to happen, says the state comptroller, because costs are on the rise owing to increased technical complexities.

As it is, "50 per cent of the Lavi's production will take place in the U.S." and nearly all the financing is American. The state comptroller concludes: "If we look to the longer future, it is clear that the State of Israel will not be able to operate independently in the development and manufacture of aircraft."

He adds that what we can do well (and export successfully) is secondary armament systems - missiles, pilotless planes, sophisticated weaponry etc. These have a technology of their own which - I may add - the army command wants to develop in preference to the Lavi.

□ **Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav:** Dropping the Lavi would make 2,000 people unemployed.

It would be cheaper to pay each of those 2,000 people \$1,000 a month net of tax to stay at home. Manufacturing an enormously costly engine of war which the army does not want and which cannot be exported, in order to prevent 2,000 individuals from being thrown on the labour market for a "medium-to-long period" is crazy.

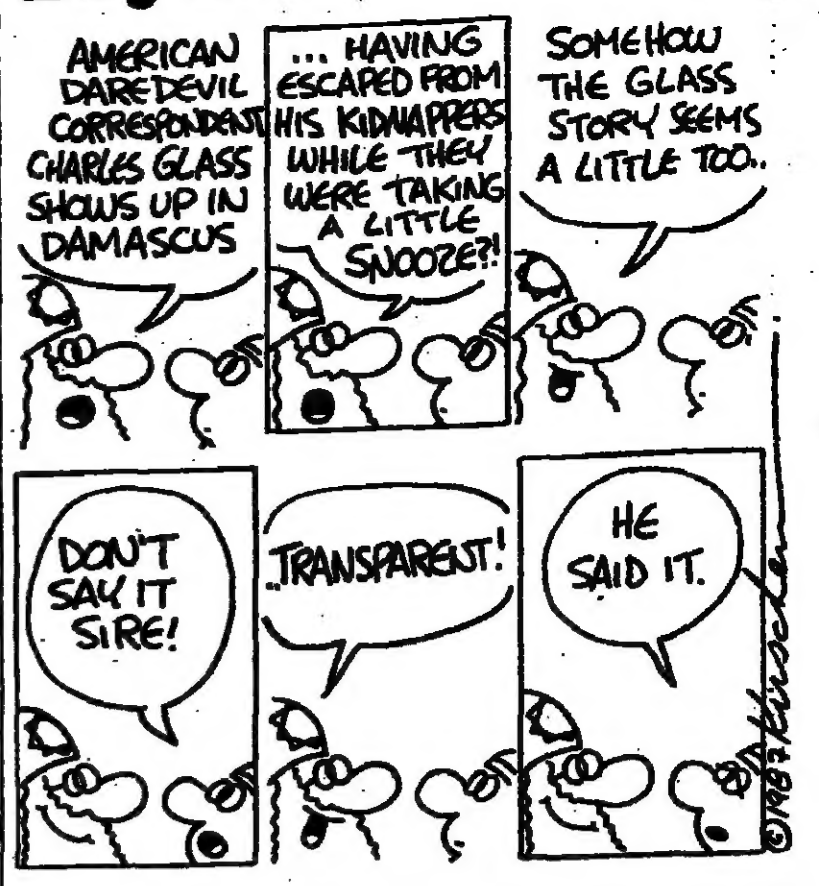
□ **Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon:** It will provide employment opportunities all over the country.

We have to expand our exports by all of \$10b. if we want to bridge our foreign-payments deficit. This is where the employment opportunities lie. We do not have enough labour to produce a fraction of those exports at the moment, so creating artificial employment elsewhere is a conspicuous waste of resources.

□ **Katsav again:** It would destroy our defence industry.

Our defence industry is as large as our defence budget plus the export order-book allow it to be. The defence budget has been cut but is not shrinking any further, indeed all the discussions are about increasing it. On the other hand the manufacture of alternatives to the Lavi should open up export prospects that the

Dry Bones



warplane itself does not offer.

□ **Yitzhak Moda'i:** The Defence Ministry wants an extra \$250m., of which \$70m. would go for the Lavi and the rest for alternatives. Should the Lavi be cancelled, he goes on, the ministry will be spending an extra \$350m. a year instead of \$250m. - all of it on alternatives.

I confess to not following Moda'i's arithmetic.

THERE ARE always several reasons for the adoption of any particular policy, some of them honourable. I suggest that at least one dishonourable motivation lurks be-

hind the stand of several senior politicians in favour of the Lavi.

If the project continues they are safe. We shall have an aircraft a few years from now, for better or for worse; and no one can complain. But if the project is stalled, the question will inevitably arise: Who were the madmen who poured out \$1.5b. of the nation's money during the past five years on nothing at all?

That is a subject on which some politicians *in situ* would prefer not to dwell.

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The real needs of the hour

Susan Hattis Rolef

of priorities. Thus, all the proposals for digging up hundreds of millions of dollars a year from under the ground (just make sure you aren't digging somewhere where Jewish bones are buried) are worthy of admiration - but why should this be done for the Lavi, which the IDF does not want, and not for the health services, the education system (will the schools open on September 1?), agricultural settlements, welfare ser-

vices, the fight against drugs, etc.?

One of the last bills placed on the Knesset's agenda before our legislature recessed for the summer was one by MK Amira Sartani (Mapam) which seeks to provide handicapped children with a proper formal education by right - something that is not

done today. MK Sartani was informed by both the finance and education ministers that there are no chances of finding money for this purpose. Nissim and Navon are also saying that there are no funds for the Lavi - but other ministers are saying that the Lavi is worth greater sacrifices than the future of the people whom the Lavi is to defend.

Given Israel's very real security concerns, this might have been an

acceptable position if there were no alternative to the Lavi. But, we all know that the alternative exists - an airplane which is 100 per cent American instead of largely American, and cheaper. On the other hand, if Israel's handicapped, average, and brilliant children are not offered a proper education, if Israel's health services are allowed to go down the drain, its agriculture to be ruined, and (last but not least) the U.S. is antagonized, not even 1,000 Lavis will save Israel.

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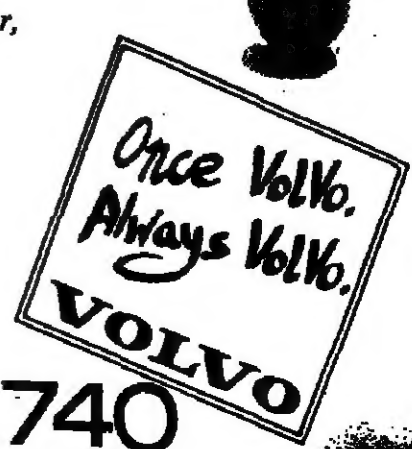
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POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. A COLORADO county court has sentenced the parents of a teenager who habitually misses school to jail.

The 15-year-old daughter of Janice and Alfred Bryant missed 43 days of classes and was late 19 times last semester.

The girl was ordered to spend a month in a state-run detention centre.

"Nobody believes me when I tell them I'm going to jail over this," said Alfred Bryant, a restaurant manager. "My girl needed to get some type of reprimand, but this is a little steep."

He was to begin serving his 10-day sentence shortly. His wife, 12 days into her 30-day sentence at a halfway house, is released during the day for work, he said.

The couple also was fined \$300. The ruling last month came in the wake of a court order requiring the Bryants to do what they could to make sure their daughter attended school.

School officials had argued the girl violated a 1963 state law requiring school attendance until age 16.

P.S. A TOMATO war has broken out on the banks of the River Volga, featuring clashes with Soviet police who encouraged youngsters to smash greenhouses run by private "money grubbers," according to a newspaper report.

Correspondent Igor Gamayunov of the weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* said he was astonished in the Volgograd region recently to hear how police had carried out local authority instructions to limit the extent of private tomato growing.

In some places greenhouses were smashed, while in others wells were sealed and road blocks set up to

prevent gardeners, many of them pensioners trying to make extra money, from taking their produce to market.

A number of growers had answered the police with their fists, Gamayunov said.

In the town of Dubovka, schoolmaster Vladimir Ivannik told Gamayunov how his students had joined the orgy of destruction after receiving instructions from the police.

"Before lunch, they smashed the windows of greenhouses, pulled off plastic sheeting and broke growing frames. With help from the organizers, they towed greenhouses by car and tractor out into the road, smashing everything on the way," he said.

"Residents shouted, women cried and some attacked the lads with their fists. And all this happened in the presence of the public prosecutor, the police chief and local councilors," Ivannik added.

Scuffles also broke out at the nearby river port of Primorsk, when police tried to stop gardeners from selling tomatoes to tourists disembarking from boat tours, the newspaper said.

P.S. THREE bank robbers just couldn't get it in gear, the police said.

After getting \$1,410 in a holdup recently in Berlin Borough, New Jersey, the three hopped into a getaway car only to find the transmission stuck in first gear, police said.

After a relatively low-speed chase, they gave up on the car and tried fleeing on foot. They were captured in a parking lot in nearby Gibbstown minutes after the robbery, police said.

THE WHOLE decision-making process regarding the Lavi, from the very beginning and up to last Sunday's cabinet meeting, has been, to quote Professor Yehzekel Dror, "primitive." It has certainly been grossly irresponsible, and in a few cases dishonest.

One of the persistent problems in this process is that the Lavi has been dealt with by most of the decision makers as a separate issue and not within the context of a national scale

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